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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
 County of Los Angeles
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Dear Supervisors:

SEXUAL ASSAULT KIT STATUS REPORT

This correspondence is in response to your Board's May 19 and September 1, 2009, requests for monthly status reports on the Sexual Assault Kit (SAK) audit.

Below is the current data associated with the SAK Backlog Elimination Project for incidents occurring prior to November 1, 2008:

| | <u>Initial</u> | | <u>Current</u> | |
|-------------------|----------------|-------------|----------------|-------------|
| Unanalyzed SAKs | 4,673 | 76% | 3,777 | 62% |
| Analyzed SAKs | 1,439 | 24% | 2,335 | 38% |
| Total SAKs | 6,112 | 100% | 6,112 | 100% |

As of October 16, 2009, 1,605 untested SAKs (34 percent of the initial untested kits) have been outsourced for analysis. For the month of October, a total of 320 SAKs were outsourced. The results received from the outsourced SAKs thus far are as follows:

Sexual Assault Kit (Pre-11/01/2008) Test Results

| | | |
|-------------------------------------|------------|-------------|
| Positive Biological Material Screen | 460 | 62% |
| Negative Biological Material Screen | 282 | 38% |
| Total Results Received | 742 | 100% |

A Tradition of Service

Positive Biological Material Screen SAK (Pre-11/01/2008) Status

Pending Completion of Technical Review:

| | | |
|--|------------|-------------|
| <i>Unknown Suspect</i> | 92 | 20% |
| <i>Known Suspect</i> | 194 | 42% |
| Failed to Meet CODIS Upload Eligibility Requirements | 99 | 22% |
| Uploaded to CODIS | 75 | 16% |
| Total Positive Biological Material Screen | 460 | 100% |

Based upon laboratory invoices received, the outsourcing expenditures for the two current months, broken down by funding source, are as follows:

Outsourcing Expenditures - September and October 2009

| Month | \$2.3 Million Allocation | DNA Backlog Reduction 2007 Grant | Prop. 69 | General Fund | Monthly Totals |
|------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------------|----------|--------------|------------------|
| September | \$0 | \$302,172 | \$16,599 | \$18,923 | \$337,694 |
| October | \$150 | \$201,770 | \$9,964 | \$22,610 | \$234,494 |

Personnel Hiring Update

Regarding the six positions (one supervising criminalist and five senior criminalists) authorized by your Board on September 22, 2009, two individuals were selected from the current certification list. Both are currently undergoing background investigations. The three remaining criminalist positions will be filled utilizing the open and continuous examination process. A supervising criminalist examination has been requested and is currently in development.

Status of Post November 1, 2008, Sexual Assault Kits

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (Department) continues in-house testing and outsourcing of SAKs submitted subsequent to November 1, 2008. The Department's Scientific Services Bureau currently has 473 SAKs either undergoing, or in queue, for testing and are broken down into the following categories:

Sexual Assault Kit (Post-11/01/2008) Status

| | Unknown Suspect | Known Suspect | Total |
|--------------------|------------------------|----------------------|--------------|
| Assigned | 99 | 99 | 198 |
| Pending Assignment | 2 | 273 | 275 |
| Total | 101 | 372 | 473 |

Combined DNA Index System (CODIS) Matches

A total of 31 confirmed CODIS matches involving Department cases have been made from the uploaded profiles. Of these 31 cases, 23 are currently under investigation. Eight cases are closed; one due to the suspect being deceased, four were rejected for filing by the District Attorney's Office, and three were closed due to all workable information being exhausted. No matches have yet led to prosecution.

Should you have questions or require additional information, please contact Technical Services Division Chief David R. Betkey at (562) 345-4301.

Sincerely,



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